

JANUARY 2025

January 1 *New Year's Day* - Church Office Closed

January 3 Annual Board Reports due into Church Office

January 5 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am

January 6 Annual Financial Reports due into Church Office

January 12 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Annual Congregational Meeting & Election of Officers & 2025 Budget Review following worship service

January 18 Annual Blood Drive 8:00-11:00am at Plattsburg UCC

January 19 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Trustee

Meeting after worship service

January 20 FEBRUARY Call Deadline

January 26 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am

January 28 Call Collators 11:00 am

**Happy
New Year !!!**

FINANCIAL

NEWS

*For the month ending
November 30th 2024:*

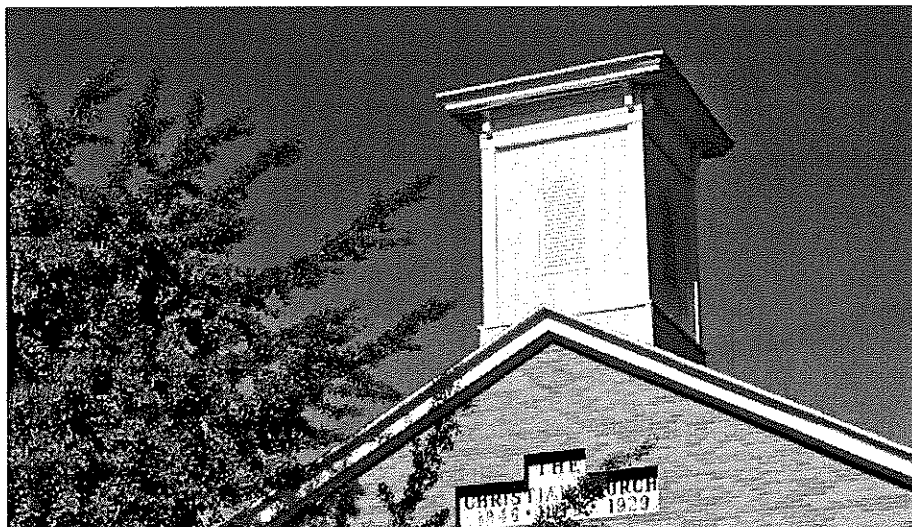
November Income to expense ratio was 136.9% and the January through November income to expense was 100.5%.

This congregation supports all the missions of the church: Financial, with donations to benefit all the many special projects, and with their time and talents. We appreciate all the wonderful support provided.

A detailed report of the Church expenses, by month, is always posted on the church bulletin board outside of the pastor's office.

Your generous and regular financial support makes it possible for our church to do great things for our members, our neighbors, our community and our world. Thank you for all YOU do as we walk together loving and serving our Lord and Savior.

PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST The Church Call



BOARD OF OUTREACH

2025 First Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for January

The Collection of Coffee & Creamer
and Paper Products
for the Soup Kitchen

Restaurant size items please
such as products sold at Gordon Foods

Items needed:

Paper Products, Plastic Silverware,
Coffee, Coffee Creamers or Monetary Donations

Thank You.

The Board of Outreach will be leaving 3 totes in the hallway area for the collection of various items throughout the year.

Totes will be labeled as follows:

Soup Kitchen - Toiletries/Hygiene - School Supplies

If you are out shopping and find a sale on any of these items, you may bring them in to the church at any time.

Thank you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12th after the worship service. Election of Officers will take place and the Budget Review Report will be presented for 2025. The deadline for all Annual Board Reports is Friday, January 3rd, and the deadline for all end of year Financial Reports is due on Monday, January 6th. You may send your reports to the church email address or drop a copy off at the Church and leave it on the desk in the secretary's office.

Thank you.

PLEASE cash any expense-reimbursement checks from the church in a timely manner. Checks that have not been cashed for two or three months make record keeping more difficult. Thank you.

Church Contributions: We understand that there still may be concerns about gatherings and attending worship service. If you are unable to attend worship service in person, you may mail your contributions to - **Plattsburg United Church of Christ - P O Box 699 - South Charleston OH 45368.** Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

Ecclesiastes 3:1- 8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

*a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.*

The start of a new calendar year always brings around thoughts of new beginnings. Some look longingly back over the events of the past year, while others slam the door quickly in hopes that their back luck will stay behind them. 2024 was certainly a year of big change at Plattsburg, bringing into the fold the Solon family.

I know that I have deeply enjoyed becoming a part of the Plattsburg community. This is why, coupled with the new year, the Solon family will be officially transitioning our membership to Plattsburgh UCC. If you have been worshipping with us, but have yet to officially join the membership of the church, I encourage you to reach out to me about formally joining the church. Church membership boils down to one simple point: deciding to love God and share God's love through a particular community of faith. We will even have an official "New Member" Sunday on January 26 where we will celebrate, learn more about, and welcome new members of our church.

Looking back over 2024 with both the highs and the lows makes me think... perhaps it is time for a new season. This year, I pray for seasons of birth, building up, laughter, and seeking. Seasons of speaking up for the God of love and pursuing peace.

Pastor Faith

KIDS HOPE MENTORING PROGRAM

Volunteers are still needed for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this wonderful mentoring program. If you are interested now is the time to sign up. You would be mentoring a child in the South Vienna Northeastern Elementary School just one hour each week. The impact that you would have on a small child and the memories that this child would have for a live time are truly amazing. What a wonderful feeling you would have knowing that you were helping this child as they learn and grow. If you would like to learn more about this program or become a volunteer, please contact Jeanne Troxell or Mitzi Holloway. Volunteers are greatly needed.



Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to volunteer to be Ushers or Greeters on Sunday mornings. The church is also in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School classes and be with the little ones in the Nursery during worship service time. If you are interested, please contact Joanna Rittenhouse. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2025, a sign-up sheet has been posted in the front hallway for your convenience. In past years, we have had live flowers on the altar nearly every Sunday. You may wish to provide flowers in memory of loved ones, to commemorate a special anniversary or other important date, or just because. When signing up, please add any such information so that it can be included in the Sunday bulletin. Progress Club

PLATTSBURG UCC 2025 ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

The Annual Plattsburg UCC Blood Drive will be held **Saturday, January 18, from 8:00-11:00am.** Please come, share a pint of your healthy blood with someone in need. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old and in good health. To schedule a donation appointment, contact Peggy Bellows or you can schedule on-line at www.donortime.com.

If you would like to provide donuts, cookies, or juice for the event, please let Peggy know. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Plattsburg United Church of Christ

Official Board Minutes

November 14, 2024

The Official Board of the Plattsburg United Church of Christ met at 9 am on Saturday, November 14, 2024 in the church fireside room. Those present were Bill Agle (moderator), Debbie Bell (treasurer), Peggy Flax (clerk), Polly Agle (deacons), Breanna Rittenhouse (outreach), Jason Rittenhouse (trustees), Joanna Rittenhouse (Christian education), and Pastor Faith Solon. The meeting opened with prayer lead by Pastor Faith.

Clerk's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Joanna moved to accept them as written, and Jason seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie distributed the reports of income and expenses for the months of October and November. She reported that the income to expense ratio was at 105% at the end of November. This is at least partially due to the success of the recent church fund-raiser, the pork chop drive thru. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Upon request of the members of the Endowment Fund, Joanna moved to add Amy Elliott as a second signer for the Endowment Fund account. Debbie seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Faith reported that the Adult Sunday School Bible Study for Advent is progressing well with good attendance. She plans to offer a similar program during Lent. She and her family will be on vacation the last Sunday in December. There will be a substitute speaker during worship that day. During January, she plans to schedule another "Faithful Families" event.

Deacons: Polly reported that the Deacons went over the membership record. Several deceased members were removed from the roll. Others who are not participating or are currently members of another congregation were moved to the inactive list. The pastor's request for more congregational participation in the Sunday worship service is ongoing.

Trustees: Jason reported that the snow blower is still for sale. Plans to paint the lettering on the arch at the front of the church has been put on hold for the present time due to expense. The electronic sign in front of the church is still not functioning after many attempts to get it repaired. Bill Agle is currently working with someone he knows to figure out the next step in either repairing or replacing it. Due to damage and breakage occurring when the church is being used for non-church functions, the trustees are working on adding a damage clause to the church usage contract.

Outreach: Breanna reported that the Giving Tree has been placed in the front hallway for donation of socks, hats and mittens or gloves. The four Adopt-a-Families (three from South Vienna School and one from Miami View) have been chosen. Needs are being met for the families through donations by members of the congregation. The NE FFA is donating fresh fruits. Other perishables will be purchased. Members of the board will also be making various soups to be served at the Live Nativity. Event.

Christian Education: Joanna announced that plans for the Live Nativity on December 19th are progressing nicely. Practice is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th after church. Volunteers are needed for various jobs the evening of the event.

New Business: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Adam Agle, Peggy Bellows, Amy Elliott, Janet Finchum, Kim Flax, and Whitney Thompson have completed their work. The report was presented to the board. All spots have been filled with at least one nominee. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Jason moved to accept the ballot as presented. Breanna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Annual Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 12th to follow the church service.

The need to appoint new members to the Memorial Fund Committee, due to term limits, etc. was brought up and discussed. No final selections were made at this time.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday Feb. 8 at 9 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Flax, Clerk

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SOUTH CHARLESTON OH 45368**

**REETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 12/20/2024
Church Phone 937-568-4102
Church E-Mail Plattsburgucc@gmail.com
Mitzi Holloway - Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-11:00 am**

DEVOTIONAL LIFE BOOKLETS
Devotional Life Booklets (The Upper Room)
will be placed in a rack in the
front hall for anyone who would like
one. If you would like one delivered
to your home or to someone in a
Nursing Facility, please call the
Church Office and let us know.
(937-568-4102)

DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 24	44
December 1	47
December 8	52
December 15	52

MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY 2024
Board of Outreach
2025 First Quarter Mission (Jan-Feb-March)

Collection of Coffee/Condiments & Paper Products for the Soup Kitchen

(See Newsletter article for more details)

**FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL
ADDRESS AT: Plattsburgucc@gmail.com or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox or
call the church and leave a message**